

I am in favor of keeping the 5 minute morse code test as an entry level hurdle for access to the amateur service HF bands. It has been shown historically that the lack of stringent or non-existent testing of prospective licensees leads to corruption and massive interference of frequencies these parties are assigned. I speak of the Citizen Band Service. Persons not wishing to take the Morse Code element required to obtain HF privileges on amateur frequencies have the option of operating HF in the Citizens Band Service.

Thank you,
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